Rocks

Rocks, August 20.- No preaching service was held at Rocks Sunday morning, as the pastor, Rev. Tearle Brown and family are on a vacation for two weeks.

Friends are glad to hear that Mrs. Walter Ranson is improving rapidly. We hope she will be home soon with her family.

Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson had her sister, Dorothy and her husband, of Norfolk and her mother, Mrs. T. A. Foster, of Darlington Heights to spend a day with her last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond and family were on a vacation last week. They went to Covington and West Virginia and a few other places.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ranson and children and Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Eisenson attended the funeral of James H. Story, in Lynchburg on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Evans, of Charlotte Court House left Sunday for a visit to Florida.

The B. T. U. went on a hamburger fry at Oxford Furnace near Lynchburg Saturday afternoon. It was enjoyed by everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Inge and Diane, of Farmville; Miss Odelle Ranson, of Lynchburg and Miss Grey Simmons, of Pamplin went with the B. T. U. members on the hamburger fry Saturday night.

Toby Inge was slightly hurt Saturday when returning from work, when the car he was in wrecked.

Mr. and Mrs. Claiborne Inge, of Appomattox, attended the Southall and Saxe wedding at Pamplin Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. W. F. Ranson accompanied Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ranson to Amherst Sunday to see Mr. and Mrs. Emory Ranson and daughter.

Miss Louise Ranson returned home Sunday after being away for two week in Lynchburg and Amherst.

B. B. Harris, Jr. spent Sunday with Stanley and Johnny Roach.

Mrs. James R. Taylor spent Saturday night with her mother, Mrs. R. C. Baldwin, who is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Gowin, and Palmya, of Lynchburg were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and Audrey Dale Sunday.

Elnor Faye Ranson celebrated her birthday last Thursday.

Robert Roach, Toby Inge, Rodney Roach, Richard and Claiborne Inge and Lloyd Richardson attended the car racing in Lynchburg on Saturday night.

Mrs. Kenneth St. John and Dennis, of Phenix and Mrs. Clara Garrette, of Evergreen attended Sunday School at Rocks Sunday and called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and Audrey Dale.

C. S. Ranson moved his saw mill a few weeks ago to the Newt Meadows' place at E. S. Roach's.

The ladies are busy canning.

Evergreen

Evergreen, August 21.- Mrs. T. E. LeGrande celebrated her birthday recently with her children at Holliday Lake with a picnic.

Sylvia Clapp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Clapp spent the past week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cralle.

Merla Jennings Circle met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harvey Saturday night with a large attendance.

J. R. Conner, of Lynchburg was the dinner guest Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Staples.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer LeGrande and family spent last Sunday at Charlottesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ferguson, of Front Royal and Mrs. Lennie Ferguson, of Roanoke visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Franklin recently.

Lewis Harvey, of USN, Washington spent the week-end here with his wife.

Mrs. R. H. Bruce and girls and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Ferguson.

Shirley Lloyd, of Roanoke, is spending this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harris.

Mrs. Walter Scott, of Appomattox called in the home of Mrs. T. E. LeGrande Friday evening.

The Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Smith and children visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs J. K. Hamilton last week.

A. A. LeGrande and daughters, Phyllis and Jean and Archie, Jr., and James Nunn spent the week-end in Pennsylvania. They were accompanied home by Mrs. LeGrande and Wanda Kaye, who have been spending some time in Richmond, Charlottesville and Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dalton, of Richmond spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. LeGrande.

Evergreen, August 21.- Miss Bessie Ann Glover is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith and son, Freddie, of Alexandria and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gibson and sons, Billie and Charlie, of Washington, D. C. spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Greene, of Farmville spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Juddie Glover. On Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover and Mrs. Mary Sullivan called in the same home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples spent last Sunday in Lynchburg with their daughter, Mrs. Sam White and Mr. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thompson, and Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. James Griffin, of Richmond spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and son, Donald called to see Mrs. Juddie Glover and girls Thursday night.

Paul Ferguson, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Green Garrett were in Lynchburg last Thursday visiting friends.

Pamplin

Pamplin, August 21.- Miss Ernestine Southall has returned to her work at Norfolk after spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. L. M. Southall.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black accompanied their daughters, Miss Mary Elves Black to Charlottesville Sunday. She is teaching there this session.

Mrs. N. L. McClenny has returned from a three week vacation in the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. C. Miller of Locust Hill.

Recent guests in the home of Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. H. M. Robinson were Mrs. R. C. Hinman, Mrs. Margaret King and son, Steve, of Suffolk, and Billy Neal, of Portsmouth.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Hackney and Miss Mary Rives Black spent last Thursday in Richmond.

R. E. McClenny, Jr., is spending a few days in the home of Mr. and E. W. Brockwell, of Newport News.

The Home Demonstration Club observed its annual picnic Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Harwood, with 14 members and 2 visitors. Everyone enjoyed the day.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Harvey and R. E. McClenny spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Miller, of Locust Hill.

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall and Nancy Jane Hall spent Sunday in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Ponton, of Lynchburg.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black and Mrs. J. P. Hackney attended a church picnic at Prospect Tuesday evening.

The Business Women's Circle met Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. E. N. Harvey.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, August 22.- Mrs. Marvin Reynolds and Mrs. Paul Thornhill gave a birthday party on Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Mildred Ann Thornhill. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett, Miss Louise Reynolds and children, Mrs. Sam Thornhill, Miss Laura Thornhill, Mrs. J. J. Harvey, Jr., Miss Gloria Ann Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sperry and Mrs. Florence Phelps.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scruggs and Mr. and Mrs. John Scruggs Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Scruggs, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scruggs and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pugh and family, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Scruggs and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Childress.

Miss Rachel Gilbert has accepted a position at Charlottesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Jamerson gave a birthday dinner in honor of Mrs. J. H. Reynolds and Mrs. Lonnie Reynolds. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Reynolds and family, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Coleman and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Martin and daughter, Mrs. Carl Martin and daughter and Mr. George Jamerson.

Week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Coleman were Mrs. Rachel Rode and Mrs. Jane Troester.

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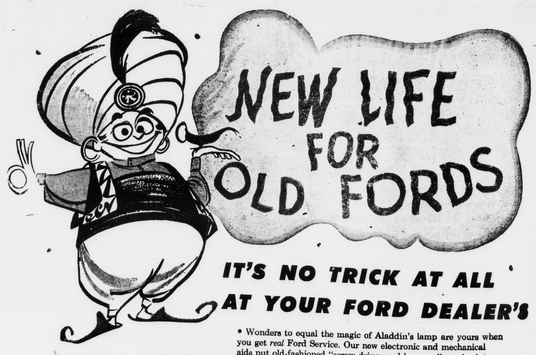
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LESSON-SERMON: Matthew 5:13-16; 19-22; Peter 3:8-12.

GOLDEN TEXT: Acts 1:25-26; 1 Peter 3:9.

DEVOTIONAL READING: Amos 5:14-15.

Are You a Citizen?

Lesson for August 26, 1951

IT'S come down home. The official title of this week's lesson is "Christian's Responsibility in Public Life." That is a big thing, a wide circle; but the center of the circle is you, my friend, and right around you is the community in which you live.

What kind of town is it? Not how big, but how good. It doesn't have to be a town at all. It may be a section of open country, a few miles from anywhere. Or it may be a section of a city, a few miles square, with which you are familiar.

Have you prepared the following set of questions which can be used to help organize your community. After each set of these questions write either 10 for good, 5 for fair, or 0 for poor.

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Your Town

1. Education: Does your community make modern education available to every child, youth and adult? Are its schools uncrowded, well-equipped, and in good physical condition? Are the teachers well qualified and well paid?

2. Housing and Planning: Is your family decently housed? Is there continual planning for improvement of highways and other things essential? Are parking and transportation problems under control?

3. Religion: Is full opportunity for religious expression offered to every individual in the community? Are your churches strong and well supported?

4. Equality of Opportunity: Do men of different races, religions, and abilities have full chance for service and taking part in community life? Are dangerous tensions kept at a minimum by avoiding discrimination and injustice?

5. Economic Development: Are there jobs available? Do labor, industry, agriculture and government work together to insure the sound and steady growth of your community?

6. Cultural Opportunities: Are citizens' lives strengthened by the opportunity to enjoy music, art and dramatics? Does your community have a professionally administered library service which serves people of all ages? Do your press and radio carefully report the affairs of the community?

7. Recreation: Are there enough well-developed playgrounds and facilities for outdoor activities? Does your community offer full opportunity to participate in arts and crafts, in photography, and in other hobbies?

8. Health and Welfare: Are adequate medical and hospitalization readily available? Is provision made for underprivileged children, the aged, and the handicapped? Can families in need secure the help they require?

9. Government: Do capable citizens seek public office? Are your officials concerned above all with the community betterment? Does constructive criticism from honest differences of opinion, and not from squabbles and privilege?

10. Community Organization: Is there an organization (community council or the like) representative of the whole community, working for the betterment of all? Do your citizens have opportunity to learn about and take part in their local affairs through an organized community discussion program?"• • •

Rating Yourself

Now add the scores you have put down for each of the ten groups listed above. A total of 100 is fine; 75 is good.

Now look over those questions marked 0. Is there anything you can do, personally, about some of those things? If so, what will you do it? Have you done as much as you could? Have you ever tried to get other people interested?

Then make another score sheet headed "How I Rate as a Citizen." Grade yourself under each of the ten heads. 10 for doing all you can; 0 for doing a little something or nothing at all. If you are married, be especially strict with yourself.

Then, out of it, would your family think you as much as you do when some one forgets to put on the potatoes? If you were in your community, would it be better there after you have gone?

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Northern Va. Tops Southwest As To Catle

Southwest Virginia, hitherto regarded as the leading cattle production area in the state, was outstripped by the upper Valley and northern counties in 1949.

J. D. Johnson, associate agricultural economist for Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, says the 1950 census revealed the "surprising fact" that the income from cattle and calves sold by farmers in northern counties exceeded that received by southwest Virginia farmers by more than $3,000,000.

Income in Loudoun and Fauquier Counties combined was equal to 52 per cent of the total income from sales of cattle and calves in all 17 counties of southwest Virginia.

A gratifying fact revealed by the census, particularly from the standpoint of farm efficiency, is that the average size of Virginia cattle farms is becoming larger as a result of consolidation of some of the smaller farm units. During the period from 1945 to 1950, cattle numbers in the state increased 49,000, up 18 per cent; while the number of farms producing cattle declined by more than 3,000, down 7 1-2 per cent. This trend was particularly pronounced in the northern counties, where 14 per cent fewer farmers reported 21 per cent more cattle on farms in 1950 than in 1945.

Income from cattle and calves sold in 1949 by farmers in both southwestern and northern counties, amounte dto more than 61 per cent of the state's total income from this source. Ranked in order of the amount of income from that source, the three leading counties in the northern area are Loudoun, Fauquier, and Rockingham. The three leading southwestern counties are Washington, Russell and Tazewell.

When the income from sales of all livestock products is considered, including milk, eggs, and poultry, the importance of northern counties is again shown, Johnson says. In 1949, the northern area received $60,000,000 from sales of all livestock, slightly more than double the income in the southwest.

With the exception of the urban county of Arlington, all of the 15 counties in the north showed increases in the number of cattle and calves on farms during the five year period ending in 1950. Clarke, Madison, Page, and Warren Counties had increases exceeding 30 per cent, while the average increase for the area was 21 per cent. During the same period the southwestern counties had an average increase of 18 per cent in cattle numbers on farms, but declines of more than 25 per cent were recorded for Buchanan, Wise, and Dickenson; while Lee and Scott showed no change. Only slight increases occurred in Washington and Tazewell.

The most outstanding increase in cattle numbers was made in Floyd County: up 59 per cent.

SPRAY GRAPES FOR CONTROL

When grapes are nearly mature, put on the last spray needed to control insects and black rot disease.

J. M. Amos, insect and disease control specialist at V. P. I., says a spray of bordeaux mixture (4-6-100) or Fermate will control brown rot; but if early sprays have not been applied before this time to prevent the diseases, control will be difficult. Follow directions on the container, and do not apply later than three weeks before harvest. Methoxychlor may be added to the spray if insects are troublesome.

If spray residue is a problem, Amos suggests dipping the grapes in a solution of one part vinegar to five parts water, then rinsing well with clean water.

Homemakers' Items

It's peach pickin' time . . and here are some hints from Miss Janet Cameron nutritionist at V. P. I., for homemakers who want to take advantage of Virginia's bountiful crop this year.

For freezing, use tree ripened fruit which will peel without dipping in hot water. Make sugar syrup ahead of time (3 cups sugar to 4 cups water), and when it is cool add 1-4 teaspoon ascorbic acid to prevent darkening of fruit. Peel fruit directly into containers to freeze, and pour cold syrup over to cover. It helps to keep syrup over the peaches to crumble a piece of wax paper on top of the peaches before fastening cover. Freez at once.

Canning peaches is easiest by the cold pack method. Just peel and pack completely in jars, cover with a hot sugar syrup (1 cup sugar to 2 cups water) and process pints in boiling water for 25 minutes. Process quarts for 35 minutes.

Fresh sliced peaches are good, but if you get tired of them, try shortcake made with a rich biscuit dough cut in big thin rounds. Butter while hot, cover with sliced peaches, add another round of biscuit, and top with whipped cream or a whipped topping made from equal parts of dried milk and water.

For an easy quick peach dessert, butter a slice of bread (crusts cut off), place a half peach on top, stone side down, and cover peach and bread with meringue. Bake in a hot over until meringue is brown.

Other suggestions: try peach ice cream, peach upside down cake, or peaches stuffed with cream or cottage cheese.

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